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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Joseph A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor, .	\$45 00
Samuel Peabody, " "	46 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " "	43 35
O. L. Carleton, services as Treasurer, "	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk, "	8 00
Daniel E. Graves, collecting taxes, "	103 41
Joseph A. Batchelder, auditing accounts, 1877....	6 00
Samuel Peabody, " " 	6 00
O. L. Carleton, " " 	6 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages.	
birth and deaths.....	14 32
Hiram A. Styles, as School Committee.....	25 00
Martin J. Cheney, " " 	25 00
Cyrus K. Wilkins, " " 	26 25
John M. Peabody, services as Constable.....	15 00
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	\$394 33

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1, John M. Peabody, Surveyor, Appropriation,	135 00
2, Samuel Peabody, " "	105 00
3, Levi F. Atwood, " "	60 00
4, Otis L. Wilkins, " "	50 00
5, Wm. Q. Richardson, " "	50 00
6, Sam'l E. McGlauffin, " "	50 00
7, Kendall F. Richardson " "	60 00
8, Benj. W. Peabody, " "	100 00
9, Sam'l M. Peabody, " "	45 00
10, Sylvanus Flint, " "	45 00

John M. Peabody, extra labor on highways.....	6 58
Sylvanus Flint, " " ".....	17 00
Samuel Peabody, " " ".....	16 50
Wm. Q. Richardson, " " ".....	3 40
Levi F. Atwood " " ".....	3 00
K. F. Richardson, " " ".....	2 00
B. W. Peabody, " " ".....	12 67
Jesse W. Peabody, labor on bridges.....	8 25
Thomas Carlin, " " ".....	4 50
J. M. Peabody, " " ".....	3 18
Samuel Peabody, " " ".....	6 50
S. M. Peabody, " " ".....	4 85
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails.....	86
Calvin Putnam, lumber for bridges.....	106 95
Timothy Donovan, gravel.....	5 00
A. W. Peabody, lumber for fence—1877.....	1 25

\$902 49

Appropriation for highways.....	\$700 00
Appropriation for bridges.....	100 00
Balance against the town.....	102 49

\$902 49

SNOW BILLS.

Samuel M. Peabody's bill.....	\$ 6 25
J. W. L. Moulton ".....	2 60
Otis L. Wilkins ".....	5 00
E. W. Wilkins, " in 1876.....	2 00
Benj. W. Peabody, " ".....	12 67
Wm. Q. Richardson, " ".....	1 50
Samuel Peabody, " ".....	4 00
Kendall F. Richardson " ".....	5 20
Levi F. Atwood, " ".....	8 25
John M. Peabody, " ".....	6 50
Eli S. Soper, " ".....	5 00

\$58 97

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Orders drawn from Feb. 1, 1878 to Feb. 1, 1879. . .	\$192 00
For the relief of indigent soldiers under law of 1878. .	173 00
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	\$365 00

FIRE APPARATUS.

Hunneman & Co., hose carriage.	\$ 76 00
Caskin, O'Connell & Co., hose, pipe and wrenches. .	296 00
Eastern Railroad, transportation of hose carriage. .	1 60
W. H. Johnson, car-fare to Boston.	1 64
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	\$375 24

LOCK-UP.

George B. Flint, building lock-up as per contract. .	\$355 00
Calvin Putnam, lumber.	18 43
Elijah Richardson, labor.	14 00
S. E. McGlauffin, labor.	14 52
Charles Wilkins, labor.	6 37
A. A. Averill, building fence.	15 03
Gardner Chilson, stove and furniture.	15 00
H. S. Lombard, blankets.	15 00
C. A. Phelps, labor and lumber.	4 25
A. A. Averill, paint.	73
A. A. Averill, land.	25 00
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	\$483 33

Appropriation for lock-up and land.	\$475 00
Balance against the town.	8 33
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	\$483 33

CEMETERY AND WATER-PIPE.

Danvers Water-works, fitting and piping Cemetery. .	\$ 61 35
Elijah Richardson, building for water-pipe.	10 00
Thomas Carlin, labor in laying pipe.	3 00
Jesse W. Peabody, " " " " cash paid.	5 70
Thomas Carlin, work on Cemetery and avenues. . . .	38 00
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	\$118 05
Balance in favor of the town.	31 95
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	\$150 00

Appropriation for water-pipes and laying the same.	100 00
Appropriation for labor on Cemetery and avenues.	50 00
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	\$150 00

TOWN HALL.

Samuel G. Campbell, care of Hall.....	\$84 90
Cash paid for wood and supplies.....	7 41
Harvey Dow, care of Hall.....	12 95
Potter, Batchelder & Co., coal.....	40 50
Sanger Hood & Co., coal.....	24 00
Daniel Fuller, wood.....	5 30
John M. Peabody, services as Janitor.....	69 75
H. A. Wilkins, supplies for Hall.....	14 30
Maurice E. Tyler, kerosene.....	75
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	\$259 86

By Cash of Sam'l G. Campbell, use of Town Hall.	\$96 00
" " John M. Peabody. " " "	70 50
" " S. Harvey Dow. " " "	14 00
" due from Cong. Society. " " "	5 50
" " Young People's Meeting. " " "	2 00
Balance against the town.....	71 86
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	\$259 86

MISCELLANEOUS.

Robin Damon, printing town reports.....	\$ 24 00
Robin Damon, printing school reports.....	17 75
E. S. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 00
H. F. White, care of fish-ways, and cash paid....	15 75
J. W. Porter, damage to horse and carriage, 1877.	30 00
Danvers Water Board, water rates at Cemetery...	6 00
Thomas Hoyt, nails.....	14
Thomas S. Cuming, repairing pound.....	2 00
Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures....	1 50
Samuel Peabody, repairing Cemetery fence.....	1 00
J. W. Peabody, perambulating lines.....	3 00
Samuel Peabody, " " ".....	3 00
C. K. Wilkins, expressage.....	2 95
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, locks and screws.....	1 00
J. A. Bachelder, journeys out of town.....	7 00

J. A. Bachelder, car-fare, stationery and postage..	5 68
W. A. Phelps, repairs on Town Hall.....	1 35
Abatements	12 71
Interest.....	703 32
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	\$839 15

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

F. Symmes, teaching Grammar School, \$408 00	
Ada H. Wilkins, 36 w'ks Intermed. ..	288 00
Olive R. Graves, 36 w'ks Primary ..	288 00
Potter, Batchelder & Co., coal.....	40 25
Jeremiah Fuller, for wood.....	5 06
Hiram Berry,	5 32
E. Kendall Graves, as Janitor and labor	13 00—\$1,047 63

NORTH SCHOOL.

L. Gurtude, teaching 36 weeks.....	\$294 00
E. V. Terrio, building fires.....	5 50
M. J. Emerson, wood, and sawing wood	9 50
J. Ogden, building fires.....	8 00
Flint Esty, sawing and splitting wood...	5 50
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	12 00
H. A. Stiles, wood.....	9 50—\$344 00

EAST SCHOOL.

F. P. Thayer, teaching 12 weeks.....	\$ 96 00
Julia P. Wilkins, teaching 24 weeks.....	192 00
Willis W. Esty, sawing and splitting wood	1 75
J. B. Thomas, for wood.....	15 00
E. W. Wilkins, wood in 1877.....	4 00
C. K. Wilkins, sawing wood, care of house	14 50—\$323 25
Balance due the schools.....	143 68
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	\$1,861 54

Balance due the schools last year....	\$ 181 86
Town appropriation for schools.....	1,400 00
Cash received from State school fund	221 62
Cash received from dog licenses....	58 06—\$1,861 54

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

John Gage, cleaning and repairing clock.....	\$ 1 75
Elijah Richardson, setting glass.....	2 50
Robin Damon, 300 school cards.....	8 00
M. E. Tyler, cleaning-fluid, soap, and glass.....	2 35
Wm. A. Bussell, repairing clock.....	1 50
Wm. Lever, use of well, and cleaning school-house,	8 00
Geo. P. Wilkins, use of well.....	3 00
C. K. Wilkins, manuals for schools, cleaning house.	8 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for schools.....	14 25
H. A. Stiles, material and labor on school-house..	11 84
Thomss Hoyt, supplies for schools.....	19 79
M. J. Cheney, locks, keys, and repairs.....	1 35
Sarah P. Batchelder, use of well.....	5 00
J. F. Porter, chairs for school.....	4 20
Willis W. Esty, repairs on school-house.....	1 25
Knight, Adams, & Co., word books.....	14 92
Fletcher Symmes, setting glass and mending lights,	4 50

\$112 20

Overseers' Department.

EXPENSE OF SUPPORTING THE POOR.

T. Donovan, lodging 335 tramps.....	\$167 50
Mary A. Peabody, board for Mrs. Gillispie.....	12 00
Mrs. Sam'l Wilkins,	39 00
A. B. Wiggin,	12 50
B. Howe, cash paid, car fare	2 70
City of Lawrence, board for	46 34
H.S. Lombard, comforters for family.	11 00
J. H. Carleton, cook-stove	10 00
M. E. Tyler, supplies	45 35
T. Hoyt & Co.,	14 12
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for clothing and med- icine for Mrs. Gillispie's Family.....	13 24
Town of Peabody, board for John Gillispie.....	164 99
City of Haverhill, Frank Guilford.....	125 10
A.W. Peabody, cash paid for clothing	7 75
House of Correction, board for Joel Peabody.....	8 86
.. .. . Richard Green...	4 28

City of Salem, supplies for H. Mansfield.....	42	25
T. Hoyt & Co., " " Martha Kimball.....	86	13
M. E. Tyler, " " " ".....	43	92
Jeremiah Fuller, wood for G. W. Daniels.....	19	87
M. E. Tyler, supplies " ".....	27	95
T. Hoyt & Co., " " " ".....	61	50
A. W. Peabody, " " " ".....	22	48
A. Howe, house rent, 1 yr. " ".....	36	00
" " " " 3 mos. " " & P. Gillispie.....	15	00
John W. Moulton, wood for tramp house.....	4	65
Sanger & Hood, coal for tramp house and G. Daniels.....	53	13
T. Hoyt & Co., pails and broom for tramp house..	2	61
" " " " supplies for Charles Wilkins.....	5	00
" " " " " Mrs. McIntire.....	3	00
A. W. Peabody, " " " ".....	2	60
Jeremiah Fuller, wood " " " ".....	11	63
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for car-fare, horse-hire, express, damage on tramp house.....	11	39
A. W. Peabody, cash paid for supplies, tramp house	12	91
Town of Danvers, board for Richard Tiernan.....	141	70
Benj. Howe, cash paid, and services as overseer...	11	87
A. W. Peabody, locking up 141 tramps, and ser- vices as overseer.....	40	00
Unsettled bills of this year.....	47	00
Due from North Andover.....	\$130	05
" " " Reading.....	17	23
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	101	50
Whole cost of supporting the poor....	1,138	54

\$1,387 32 \$1,387 32

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$	394	33
Highways and Bridges.....		902	49
Removing Snow.....		58	97
State Aid Account.....		365	00
Fire Apparatus.....		375	24
Lock-up.....		483	33
Cemetery and Water-pipe.....		118	05
Town Hall Deficiency.....		71	86

Miscellaneous bills.....	839 15
Appropriation for Schools.....	1,679 68
Incidental School Expenses.....	102 20
Expense of Supporting the Poor.....	1,138 54
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	\$6,528 84

In accordance with a vote of the town, the Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year:—

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest on Town Debt.....	700 00
Schools.....	1,300 00
Public Library.....	400 00
Highways.....	700 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,750 00

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT
WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1879.

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To balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1878.....	\$897 14
To cash of North Andover.....	130 00
North Reading.....	59 50
Different persons for Cemetery lots.....	11 25
S. G. Campbell, use of Town Hall....	96 00
S. Harvey Dow, " " " ".....	14 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	11 15
State Treasurer, state aid.....	192 00
State Treasurer, bank tax.....	95 09
State Treasurer, from school fund.....	221 62
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded....	58 06
Thomas Hoyt, school books.....	106 88
Danvers National Bank on notes.....	1,700 00
T. Cushing, repairs on bridge.....	10 42
John M. Peabody, use of Town Hall...	78 00

A. W. Peabody, on tax of 1877.....1,359 89
 Daniel E. Graves, collector.....5,564 77

\$10,605 77

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By cash paid Danvers National Bank.....\$1,700 00
 Different persons on notes.....223 12
 As interest on notes.....703 32
 State Treasurer, state tax.....270 00
 On Selectmen and Overseers' orders 6,041 15
 Balance in Treasury.....1,668 18

\$10,605 77

O. L. CARLETON, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....\$424,310 00
 Personal Estate.....94,030 00

\$518,340 00

Number of polls, 271

Tax on polls.....\$ 542 00
 Tax on real and personal estate, at \$1.32 per \$100.6.842 09

\$7,384 09

Amount voted by the town for current expenses,\$1,800 00

.. .. .	reduction town debt.	700 00
.. .. .	interest	675 00
.. .. .	schools.....	1,400 00
.. .. .	highways.....	700 00
.. .. .	bridges.....	100 00
.. .. .	cemetery	50 00
.. .. .	lock-up.....	450 00
.. .. .	land.....	25 00
.. .. .	water-pipe.....	100 00
.. .. .	hose.....	300 00

State tax.....270 00
 County tax.....487 60
 Overlay on taxes.....326 49

\$7,384 09

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Town Hall and land.....	\$7,000 00
School houses and land.....	8,800 00
Lock-up and land.....	500 00
Cemetery.....	500 00
Hearse and house.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	800 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
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	\$18,050 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

Amount due Danvers Savings Bank.....	\$4,000 00
Amount of town notes on interest.....	6,853 00
Amount due the schools.....	143 68
Amount of outstanding orders.....	812 41
Amount of unsettled bills.....	75 00
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	\$11,884 09

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account...	\$1,668 18
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1877.....	790 11
" " " 1878.....	1,331 63
School books on hand.....	77 36
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	365 00
Due from North Andover.....	130 05
Due from North Reading.....	17 23
Due for Cemetery lots.....	121 25
Balance against the town.....	7,382 78
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	\$11,884 09
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Decrease in town debt.....	\$417 14

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY,	
JESSE W. PEABODY.	

Middleton, February 20, 1879.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To John M. Peabody, Constable of the Town
of Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on MONDAY, the Third Day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

Art. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to support schools the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to repair roads and bridges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

Art. 6. To act on a list of jurors, prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

Art. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which the Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

Art. 11. To see if the town will make any compensation to Patrick Donovan for damage sustained from defect in bridge.

Art. 12. To see if the town will repair or re-build the town pound.

Art. 13. To see if the town will provide runners for the hearse, and purchase ice-boxes for the preservation of the dead, before burial.

Art. 14. To hear and act upon the report of a committee, appointed at a previous meeting to prepare regulations concerning the taking of fish from the waters of the Middleton pond.

Art. 15. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to election and compensation of firemen.

Art. 16. To see if the town will accept the donation of one thousand dollars which the Hon. Charles L. Flint offers to make the town, for the purpose of founding a Free Public Library, on condition that the town raise the sum of four hundred dollars to defray necessary incidental expenses; and to take any other action in relation to the same, that the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office in said town, seven days at least, before holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1879.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,) Selectmen of Middleton.
SAMUEL PEABODY.	
JESSE W. PEABODY,	

For Reference

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